Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth

January 27, 2010

An act to amend Section 3242 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to hunting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 904, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Hunting: commercial hunting clubs.

Existing law provides that a person in possession or control of property on or with respect to which a fee for the privilege of taking birds or mammals is imposed or collected, or on or with respect to which a fee for any type of entry or use permit that includes the privilege of taking birds or mammals on the property is imposed or collected, is maintaining a commercial hunting club if birds or mammals are taken on the property, and requires a person to procure a "commercial hunting club license" from the Department of Fish and Game before birds or mammals are taken. Existing law authorizes the department to issue a license to any person upon submission of a completed application and payment of a fee, in accordance with a fee schedule based on the number of properties used by the club, including a \$1,000 fee for 6 to 10, inclusive, properties and a \$2,000 fee for 11 or more properties. The fees are subject to adjustment according to a specified index to determine an annual rate of increase or decrease.

This bill would delete the fee category for 11 or more properties, and would revise the \$1,000 fee category to apply to 6 or more properties. The bill also would delete the fee adjustment provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3242 of the Fish and Game Code is 2 amended to read:

- 3242. (a) The department may issue a commercial hunting club license to any person upon submission of a completed application and payment of the required fee, according to the number of properties used by the club, as follows:
 - (1) The fee for one property shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (2) The fee for two to five properties shall be five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (3) The fee for six to 10 or more properties shall be one thousand 10 11 dollars (\$1,000).
 - (4) The fee for 11 or more properties shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- 14 (b) The fees specified in this section are applicable to the 2010 15 license year, and shall be adjusted annually thereafter pursuant to 16 Section 713.